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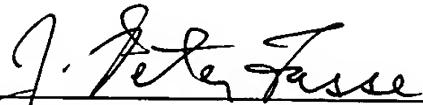
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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1:136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated June 26, 2003, be extended for five months to and including December 26, 2003.

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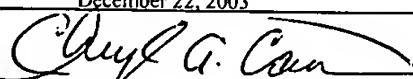
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